

# Breaking ground



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

A group of base senior leadership, including Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and local leaders, breaks ground Tuesday for the fire department's new crash and rescue facility along with Congressman Randy Neugebauer, Texas's 19th District Representative. The new facility will be more than twice the size of the current facility and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2007.

## 7th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department ready for construction of new fire crash and rescue facility

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss  
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

Dyess' 7th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department broke ground for its new fire crash and rescue facility in a ceremony here Friday.

The new facility, which will be 41,466 square feet, will replace the current fire station, which is half that size and has been in use since 1955.

Colonel Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, led the ceremonial ground breaking with a group of significant contributors including Congressman Randy Neugebauer, Texas's 19th District Representative; Abilene Mayor Norm Archibald; Dyess fire chief Floyd Jones; Abilene fire chief Brad Fitzer; and several Dyess group and squadron commanders.

"This kind of project doesn't happen because I walk into my office one day

with a donut and a cup of coffee and say, 'Let's spend \$14 million on a new facility,'" Colonel Harencak said in his opening speech.

"This is the result of years of dedicated efforts from past and present leadership, including Congress, who have supported Team Dyess because they know what we do around the world. We are in 42 locations, fighting and winning the war on terror, and it's because of the dedication of first responders like Staff Sgt. Ray Rangel, who have sacrificed for (all of us)."

"It's not an easy job, and we owe it to firefighters to give them the best equipment and finest facilities as they risk their lives to keep us safe.

"This is not just a great building. This is a testament to the heroism of firefighters every day."

Congressman Neugebauer agreed with

the colonel, thanking the men and women in the Air Force who are the "first responders."

"We want to make sure they have the assets and resources they need to do their job."

For Dyess, the "assets" Congressman Neugebauer referred to include a 20-bay space for fire-fighting apparatus, offices, living space, kitchen and dining space, recreation areas, and a 280 square foot liquid oxygen storage facility.

Colonel Harencak also gave hearty thanks to the city of Abilene for "keeping Dyess running by offering to help us out" – referring to the many volunteer firefighters who have augmented Dyess' department over the years.

"I'm so proud to see an Abilene fire truck out here next to the Dyess fire

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## Headquarters Air Force realigns similar to 'J-staff' model

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The staff functions at Headquarters Air Force, major commands and warfighting headquarters now share the same "A-staff" structure.

As of Wednesday, the Air Staff at Headquarters Air Force here adopted an organizational structure that closely mirrors the Army's "G-staff," the Navy's "N-staff" and the joint "J-staff." The effort will help the Air Force optimize internal communications and communicate more efficiently with other services, said Brig. Gen. Marshall K. Sabol, the Air Force director for manpower, organization and resources.

"This change will enhance our warfighting capability and help our communications both horizontally and vertically in the Air Force, as well as with those on the joint staff and the office of the secretary of defense," General Sabol said. "As we operate in deployed and joint environments, our communication will also be more effective and efficient."

The affected Air Force functions have been re-named and re-aligned so similar functions at all levels are referred to by the same name. Those same functional groupings will closely match other services and the joint staff.

At Headquarters Air Force, the deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel was previously called "AF/DP." Under the reorganization, he will be referred to as "the A1." The A1 in the Air Force is responsible for plans and policies covering all military life cycles and civilian personnel management.

Changes at major commands and warfighter headquarters' levels that have not yet adopted the A-staff structure will follow suit by May 1. Similar functions at all levels will be "re-mapped" to nine standardized A-staff areas of responsibility. Those areas include:

- A1 - Manpower and Personnel
- A2 - Intelligence
- A3 - Air, Space and Information Operations
- A4 - Logistics
- A5 - Plans and Requirements
- A6 - Communications
- A7 - Installations and Mission Support

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# Bronze Star awarded for action 'outside wire'

By Airman 1st Class Carolyn Viss  
7th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

A 7th Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent was awarded the prestigious Bronze Star award in a ceremony here Tuesday.

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Parker distinguished himself by leading 95 Airmen to secure Iraq's busiest airfield while engaged in ground operations against the enemy at Balad Air Base, Iraq, from Sept. 26, 2004, to March 24, 2005.

Lieutenant Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander, presented the medal to Sergeant Parker and lauded his "outside-the-wire" performance overseas.

"To go out and do these jobs as they need to be done ... to lean forward the way Sergeant Parker did, to the point where he earns a Bronze Star, is a big deal. A huge deal," General Schmidt said. "I couldn't be prouder."

According to the citation accompanying the award, Sergeant Parker's "outside-the-wire" performances were many. He led 20 combat patrols into off-base insurgent operating areas and neutralized their ability to launch mortar, rocket and surface-to-air missile attacks against wing personnel and resources. His actions reduced attacks from the south-west base security zone area by 80 percent and helped capture high-value anti-coalition forces and their weapon caches.

He completed the wing's first-ever installation security instruction to specify security requirements and protect two billion dollars of Air Force assets, which enabled security to transition from an expeditionary mindset to steady state operations.

He also Sergeant Parker completed a \$180,000 fence and cable project to strengthen protection for the Air Force-controlled housing area, significantly increasing protection and reducing insurgent

opportunities to employ vehicle-borne explosive attacks against Air Force residents.

Finally, Sergeant Parker organized a team to expand the restricted area around the north-side hardened aircraft shelters. His team erected more than three kilometers of concertina wire and relocated entry control points three days ahead of schedule to meet future aircraft needs.

His response to the award was thankfulness and awe.

"I'm overwhelmed," he said. "It means a lot to get this award (and know) the people I work for think I did an okay job."

"I can't think of any higher honor, other than the birth of my daughter," he said. "My only goal when I got there was to keep our resources protected and make sure everyone came home safely."

The deployment had some anxious moments, Sergeant Parker said. Once, the humvee he was riding in as part of a convoy slipped over a wet part of the



Photo by Senior Airman Aaron Walker

earth and nearly flipped over.

"To come back with all our guys safe and a medal for what we did is just overwhelming," he said.

According to the citation, "The exemplary leadership, personal endeavor, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Parker in this responsible position reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Check out next week's DGW Feb. 10 issue for a story on Capt. Michael Arnold's Bronze Star Medal.



# Action Line

696-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil)

The Action Line provides a direct line of communication between Col. Garrett Harencak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and the people of Dyess. People should always use their chain of command or contact the agency involved first. However, if the problem still can not be resolved, call 696-3355 or e-mail [action@dyess.af.mil](mailto:action@dyess.af.mil). Leaving your name and phone number ensures a personal reply by phone. The Global Warrior staff reserves the right to edit all Action Lines before publication. Not all Action Lines will be published.

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Why did you join?

One Airman shares his story

Commentary by Senior Airman Jared Marquis  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

ELMENDORF AIR FORCE BASE, Alaska — Most people have a hero or someone they credit for being the person they are today.

For me, that person isn't a teacher, supervisor or parent. While I have had my share of influential people in my life, that credit goes to Senior Airman Jason Cunningham.

Before March 4, 2002, I had never seriously thought about joining the military. I went to see recruiters when I graduated from high school and listened to what they had to say; but, I never really considered the military as a career path.

I wanted to do something important with my life; I just didn't know what. I worked hard at what I thought I wanted to be, reaching most of my goals and being relatively successful.

But that all changed March 4, 2002.

That morning, my wife and I received a phone call at 5:30 a.m. A phone call that early is usually bad news, and this time was no different.

My mother-in-law called to tell us that Jason — her son, my wife's brother, an Air Force pararescueman — had been killed in Afghanistan.

Most of the two weeks after that were a blur. Unless you are faced with it, no one can possibly understand the pain and suffering a situation like that brings.

I felt completely helpless, doing everything I could for the people I love, but always feeling like I came up short.

Before then, I had never directly faced war. As a civilian living in a town without any kind of military influence, other than the local recruiters, I felt a million miles away.

Before that moment, I had never considered the effect war could have on my life.

Military service is a responsibility. Jason showed me that by his dedication, service and commitment. Not one time, did anyone who knew Jason think that he wouldn't succeed at whatever he did.

One of the most powerful moments I experienced was at Jason's funeral at Arlington National Cemetery. I remember seeing a three-star general salute Jason's casket as it made its way to his final resting place.

I am here to tell you, even as a civilian, I understood how powerful an image that was. I could see in his face how much respect he had for the fallen Airman.

After the funeral, I had a lot of time to think, and came to a conclusion. I knew I wanted to serve my country the way Jason did, the way that all our fallen servicemembers have.

When Jason died, he left behind a wife and two daughters. I didn't feel it was right

for me to stay home with my wife and kids, enjoying the freedom he fought for. I couldn't stay home when people like him were unselfishly risking everything. I felt it was my responsibility to stand up and fight.

For that reason, I have a tremendous amount of respect for anyone wearing the uniform of the U.S. military.

It doesn't matter what job they chose or why they joined, because the bottom line is they accepted the responsibility. They stepped up to defend our country.

Too often, I think we forget why we are here and why we chose this path in our lives. I have a daily reminder of why I am here. Not a day goes by that I don't think of Jason and what he left behind.

In my technical school class, my instructor would write a question on the board every day. Most of the time it was something like, "What is your favorite movie?"

Usually, I would think for a minute, never really picking out an answer that mattered to me.

But one day he wrote: "If you could talk to anyone, living or dead, who would it be?" Most of my classmates wrote someone famous.

As soon as I saw that question, I knew my answer. Like most of the people affected by Jason's death, I would give anything for one more conversation with him. I would share with him what his life, and death, meant to me.

Wherever my Air Force career takes me, one person deserves the credit.

That person is Senior Airman Jason Cunningham.

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Senior Airman Jared Marquis  
3rd Wing Public Affairs

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

In the last few days, Team Dyess has had a number of distinguished visitors and all were extremely impressed with everything they saw at our base. Your dedication and professionalism was clearly evident to all of our guests.

The 12th Air Force Commander, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Schmidt, and the 12th Air Force Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Wade Johnson, had a tremendous visit, and the Airmen and their families they met along with our community leaders left a lasting positive impression.

They all wanted to pass along their gratitude and thanks to all the warriors of Team Dyess and their families for what you do as you serve our Air Force and our nation. Your pride and professionalism is unmatched and clearly evident for all to see.



Col. Garrett Harencak  
7th Bomb Wing commander

## A positive attitude, a must-have for success

Commentary by Lt. Col. Jason Xiques  
Detachment 4 commander

I was once told by a wise, old woman, "You can do anything you want as long as you set your goals and think positive." That wise, old woman was my grandmother, and those words, even 30 years later, still have great meaning for me. Over the years, I believe I have remained true to my grandmother's words; but now more than ever, the reason has more appeal. As a father and a commander, I hope the positive words and examples I pass down will resonate with my children and my troops as they did for me.

Success in life begins with a positive attitude. In fact, just visit the local bookstore and you will see an endless number of books on the subject claiming to have the magic formula. However, it is quite clear the common thread is to maintain a positive attitude.

For the majority of us, success in life will never culminate as long as we let negativity permeate our daily thoughts and interactions with our co-workers. We have all encountered the individual who says the glass is half empty and never has a positive thing to say. That individual can never be pleased and is usually not fun to be around. As a commander or senior non-commissioned officer, it is our duty to be on the look out for these types of individuals because nothing can kill the morale of a unit quicker than negativity.

As simple as the idea of thinking positively sounds, I still find myself guilty at times of committing the very offense

which I am discussing here. However, the key is to recognize and remedy the situation immediately before it becomes a disease.

A great poet once said "any issue facing us is not as important as our attitude toward it, for that determines our success or failure." So the next time you are directed to perform a task in which you are not overly enthusiastic, stop and put it into context for what it really is: a simple bump in the road.

Each and every day, we choose to be either positive or negative in the way we interact with other individuals. For some, a negative outlook has become a way of life built upon inputs from family, friends, society and self. Negativity not only impacts your mental health, but your physical health as well.

Researchers at Yale University discovered that people with an optimistic outlook lived seven and a half years longer than those with a gloomy view of what lies ahead. To help counteract the daily negative inputs from around us, I recommend that at least once a week you stop and inventory all that is good in your life.

As members of the Air Force, you are among the most skilled and best trained fighting force to ever exist. The American people admire and respect your commitment to this country. To prove this, the next time you attend a high school reunion, take inventory of your former classmates. You will quickly realize the great things you are doing with your life compared to the majority of them. Just remember, what you thought was a major life event today, may only be a small bump in the road on the way to a great life. So

## TEAM DYESS FOD Fighter of the Week

Senior Airman Kevin Milliken



Photo courtesy of Senior Airman Oscar Lamas

Senior Airman Kevin Milliken, 7th Equipment Maintenance Squadron crew chief, preformed a foreign object walk in front of the phase hanger. He discovered a one-inch file tip. His actions prevented potential damage to Air Force equipment.

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# AAC's Comedy Bash a hit



Photos by Senior Airman Aaron Walker

## Jamming out, boosting morale

A local band, Ember, performs several original and cover songs during the Airman's Advisory Council's Comedy Bash at the Heritage Club Saturday. The event also featured comedian Derek Richards.

# Congrats to Dyess' Medical Corps promotion selectees

The following individuals were selected for major:

Laura Baber  
Kristen Solis-Tyler  
Evelyn Stender



The following individual was selected for lieutenant colonel:

Monica Johnson



# Thunderbirds ready, hiring in 2006

By Capt. Angela Johnson  
Thunderbird Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. – The United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron will complete a very busy and historic season in 2006. The team will perform more than 70 demonstrations in 27 states.

The team will also be making history with the first female demonstration team pilot in the United States.

Capt. Nicole Malachowski, from Las Vegas, Nev., will be flying in the number three position as the right wing and will help the team represent the more than 530,000 Airmen throughout the U.S.

In preparing for the upcoming season, the team is also looking to hire seven new officers for the 2007 and 2008 seasons. Each January, the team solicits applications for new officers. This year, there are seven positions opening: three demonstration pilots, an operations officer, an executive officer, a maintenance officer, and a public affairs officer. Officers serve two years on the team in their position.

The demonstration pilots perform aerial demonstration maneuvers to exhibit the capabilities of high-performance aircraft and supports Air Force recruiting and retention programs. Applicants must be qualified for aviation service and have a minimum of 1,000 hours of first pilot and instructor pilot flying time in jet-fighter or trainer aircraft and have been qualified in fighter aircraft. They must also have not more than 12 years of active commissioned service on Dec. 1, 2006.

The operations officer is the second in command and runs daily operations and scheduling. This officer must be a major and will serve as the safety observer and evaluator for air demonstrations, and will support celebrity, media, and orientation flights. To be the operations officer, applicants must be qualified for aviation service and have a minimum of 1,000 hours first pilot and instructor pilot flying time in jet fighter or trainer aircraft and have been a qualified in fighter aircraft.

The executive officer supervises executive support, information management, budget and personnel selections as well as manages overall squadron operations. The exec also serves as the squadron commander during the commander's frequent deployments. Applicants for this position must be a pinned-on captain by Nov. 1, 2006. Squadron section



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Pyle

The 2005 Thunderbird demonstration team pilots salute the crowd during an air show at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

commander or executive officer experience is desired.

The maintenance officer oversees approximately 90 aircraft maintainers and is responsible for keeping the squadron's fleet of 11 F-16s mission ready. To apply for this position, an officer must be fully qualified in the 21A3 Air Force Specialty Code and a major or major-select by Nov. 1, 2006.

The public affairs officer oversees the Thunderbird publicity programs and specialists to include photography, graphic arts, recruiting and broadcasting. Applicants for this position must be a fully qualified 35P3 and a pinned-on captain by Nov. 1, 2006.

The team's first performance was June 8, 1953, at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. Since then, the Thunderbirds have flown before more than 400 million people at more than 3,800 air demonstrations in all 50 states and 59 foreign countries.

"Our job is to demonstrate the professional qualities the Air Force develops in the people who fly, maintain and support the aircraft," said Maj. Jeremy Sloane,

the team's current operations officer. "We are a mirror image of every other front-line fighter unit in the Air Force. Every member of the team is critical to the success of the mission."

"Because of military budget cuts and downsizing, a perception exists that the Air Force is out of the hiring business," Major Sloane said. "Quite the contrary. That's why the Thunderbirds are here. Our red, white and blue jets are a vivid reminder to young people that the Air Force is still hiring. We need more than 24,000 new recruits this year alone."

The team is assigned to the 57th Wing at Nellis Air Force Base and made up of eight pilots (six demonstration pilots), four support officers, four civilians and more than 120 enlisted in 28 career fields. Between March and November each year, the Thunderbirds average nearly 70 demonstrations, keeping them on the road more than 220 days.

"During the demonstration, the pilots fly some of the same maneuvers that every Air Force pilot learns in initial training," said Major Sloane. "Safety is

paramount and key to planning the demonstration maneuvers."

The Thunderbird diamond formation, in which the team flies an average distance of between three and 18 inches apart, represents the skills and training of every Air Force pilot.

"Because of the aircrafts' proximity to each other, there's little margin for error," explained Captain Malachowski, right wing. "We have tremendous confidence and trust in each other and our capabilities."

Thunderbird solo pilots' job is to highlight the capabilities and maximum performance capabilities of the F-16C Fighting Falcon to the world.

More than 90 aircraft maintainers ensure the Thunderbirds' fleet of 11 F-16s are mission capable and the pilots strap themselves into a safe and reliable aircraft every time. Without their dedication, attention to detail and long hours of preparing for the performance, the demonstration may not be possible, Major Sloane said.

"It's an honor for us to represent the Air Force," said Master Sgt. Tim Bollinger, Sortie

Support Flight Chief. "It means a lot to all of us representing the quality of the pilots, maintainers and aviation support people who continue to make the Air Force the best in the world."

Twenty-two maintainers who show they have the initiative and the drive it takes to keep the team's F-16s mission ready, are assigned directly to an aircraft as a crew chief.

In addition to pilots and maintainers, there are an additional 30 people behind the scenes supporting the Thunderbird mission in operations, communications, administration, supply and public affairs.

Watching a Thunderbird performance provides only a small glimpse into how 530,000 Air Force professionals perform every day.

Air Force officers interested in applying may contact the team's executive officer at Nellis Air Force Base. For details on requirements, people may call call Capt. Todd Randolph at DSN 682-9584 or Tech. Sgt. Rebecca McKlintock at DSN 682-2279 or visit the Thunderbirds' website at [www.airforce.com/thunderbirds](http://www.airforce.com/thunderbirds).



# Military working dog laid to rest



Photos by Airman 1st Class Courtney Garrard

(Above) The Dyess honor guard team performs a 21-gun salute at the memorial of military working dog Jacky, who was put to rest Monday after serving Dyess’ 7th Security Forces Squadron for more than six years. The ceremony was conducted with the same honors as though the dog were a human member of the police force. Jacky was a shorthaired Belgian Malinois, who was assigned to Dyess Sept. 10, 1999. He deployed three times, once to Kuwait and twice to Iraq.



## MWD Jacky put down after six years of dedicated service



(Far left) Dyess flies the base flag at half mast Monday in honor of Jacky. (Middle left) A memorial wreath is displayed at the funeral. (Left) Jacky’s kennel, water and food bowls, leash and collar are displayed in remembrance of the dog. (Below) Col. Garrett Harencaak, 7th Bomb Wing commander, and Col. Robert McCormick, 7th Bomb Wing vice commander, attend the memorial along with other members of the 7th SFS.



## Facility

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truck,” Mayor Archibald said.

After the groundbreaking, Chief Floyd Jones, Dyess’ fire department fire chief, said he was thrilled to see the ground broken.

“It’s taken ... years of hard work from many people – past fire chiefs, deputy chiefs, everybody. It makes me proud to see the ground finally broken. It gives us a great place to live.”

Chief Brad Fitzer, the Abilene Fire Department fire chief, agreed.

“It was very exciting,” he said. “I was telling Chief Jones, I’m jealous. This is going to be a wonderful facility for Dyess. I don’t think people realize the need for a fire station of this size. Dyess is growing; and as its missions keep growing, it needs a facility this size to house the equipment to keep Dyess safe.”

The facility contract was awarded Sept. 16, 2005, to ECI Construction Inc., from Shawnee Mission, Kansas. The construction is scheduled to be completed spring 2007.

## Realign

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A8 - Strategic Plans and Programs

A9 - Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned

By adopting this staff structure, the Air Force will eliminate the difficulty sometimes encountered when leadership at one headquarters attempts to contact functional counterparts at another headquarters.

“Back in November, if I were to try to get a hold of a person that dealt with manpower issues, one command might call that the A5M, another the XPM, and still another the DPM,” General Sabol said. “That is very confusing. And even if you were to compare phonebooks, not one of them looks the same. This reorganization will change that.”

General Sabol said, there have been concerns in the field the reorganization would equate to job loss. The reorganization will neither create nor eliminate jobs, he said.

What the reorganization will do is make it easier for Airmen to do their jobs, both within the Air Force and the joint environment.

“Whether you are at work, deployed or even working from home, this will make it easier for you to do your work,” he said. “Wherever you are, you are going to know who to talk to and how to communicate.”

As part of the A-Staff structure, the Air Force assistant vice chief of staff will also serve as the director of staff. This title allows for better association with the joint staff and other services. Retaining the assistant vice chief of staff nomenclature is required to fulfill the representational role the person plays in dealing with attaches and communication to foreign contingents while representing the chief of staff.

Not all functions of the Air Staff will be affected by the reorganization. The reorganization will not change special staff offices assigned to the Secretary of the Air Force and will not filter down to the wing level.



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Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Summers

**TEAM DYESS**  
**Warrior of the Week**  
**Staff Sgt. Lyndon Orrick**

**Unit:** 7th Component Maintenance Squadron  
**Job title:** F-101 propulsion craftsman  
**Job description:** Dayshift supervisor; produces quality for F-101 engines for the B-1 Bomber  
**Time in the Air Force:** 10 years  
**Time at Dyess:** A year and a half  
**Family:** Daughter, Brooke  
**Hometown:** Dallas  
**Most rewarding job aspect:** Fighting terrorism  
**Career goals:** To make chief master sergeant before I retire  
**What you like most about Dyess:** I'm close to my family  
**What you like most about the Air Force:** Serving my country and having a stable, self-paced career  
**What is your best Air Force memory:** My travels through Europe

*(Editor's note: The Dyess Warrior of the Week is selected by unit commanders, first sergeants or supervisors on a rotating basis.)*

## News Briefs

### Space-available travel

Current space-available C-130 flight schedule:

- Today, takes off at 8 a.m. to Kelly Air Force Base, Texas; returns today at 3:10 p.m.
- Tuesday, takes off at 11 a.m. to Pope AFB, N.C.; returns same day.
- Feb. 10 takes off at 7 a.m. to Scott AFB, Ill.; returns same day.

All flights are subject to changes or cancellation without prior notice. Show time for all flights is two hours prior to scheduled take-off time. All travelers must show their military identification card plus one additional form of ID. Active duty travelers must possess valid leave orders. The passenger terminal is at Bldg. 4112, Avenue A3.

For all flights scheduled during non-duty hours, travelers must coordinate with the pax terminal by calling 696-4505 or 696-8732.

### Annual awards banquet

The annual awards banquet is scheduled for today at 6 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. Mess dress or semiformal uniform is required. Tickets may still be available. The cost is \$17 per person.

Airmen may call their first sergeants for more information.

### Women’s varsity soccer

A Dyess women’s varsity soccer team is in the works for the spring season.

People interested in playing may call Deloria Payne at 690-0943 or email dpayne2000@aol.com.

### Cultural foods taste fest

Members from the Dyess community will be offering free samples of cultural food today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Hanger Center ballroom as part of Black History Month in February.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Robert Scarlett at 696-4780.

### Military appreciation day

Downtown Abilene businesses are coming together Saturday to thank Abilene-area military personnel and their families.

Military appreciation day is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. in downtown Abilene. The day will include free admission to select venues and family activities. Active duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel and their family members are invited to attend with a valid military identification card.

The following businesses are offering free admission and/or activities to military guests: Abilene Philharmonic, Abilene Public Library, Center for Contemporary Arts, Frontier Texas and The Grace Museum.

For more information, call Dan Carpenter at 673-4587 or email marketing@thegracemuseum.org.

### Tax center hours

The tax center is scheduled to begin taking customers Monday on a walk-in-only basis. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays - Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anyone with a valid military or civil government identification card is eligible for

this free service. Customers should bring all tax paperwork and their social security cards with them. People who have purchased new cars (2005) should bring their paperwork with them. No childcare service is provided, and parents are discouraged from bringing their children due to limited space. The tax center is located at Bldg. 7235, 366 3rd St.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Billy Shearer at 696-1761.

Anyone interested in volunteering to aid in providing tax service may call the base legal office at 696-2232.

### Tax software available

Turbo Tax has been made available to service members at no cost by the Department of Defense. It is available on the internet via the following website <http://www.militaryonesource.com/>.

### Men’s varsity softball tryouts

All Dyess personnel, including dependents, may tryout for the Dyess mens varsity softball team. Tryouts are scheduled for Feb. 11 and 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at the base softball field. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Allen Oldfather at 696-4481.

### DRMO

No property reutilization issues will be processed from Feb. 13 to 24 because of minimum staffing. Property processing issues will resume Feb. 27. For more information, call DRMO at 696-3101 or 696-2224.

### Tuition assistance

All Air Force personnel receiving tuition assistance must send a copy of the approved tuition assistance form to their schools.

Students who fail to do so may be disenrolled from their courses.

Schools cannot seek payment from the Air Force without a copy of the approved tuition assistance form.

The Dyess Education Center is not authorized to send a copy of the approved form to schools; it must be done by the student as part of the enrollment process.

For more information, call William Phillips at 696-5545 or email [william.phillips@dyess.af.mil](mailto:william.phillips@dyess.af.mil)

### Tops in Blue to visit Abilene

Tops in Blue is scheduled to perform “And The Beat Goes On” Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center. The event is free, and tickets are not required.

For more information, call Willie Cooper at 696-4305.

### Thrift shop

The Dyess Thrift Shop is open to all Dyess personnel and their families. Store hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Consignments are accepted on open days from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Thrift Shop is located at 382 4th Ave.

For more information, call the thrift shop at 696-8203.

### “Parent’s Night Out”

The base child development center and youth center are scheduled to host a Parent’s Night Out Feb. 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. at both centers. The cost is \$13 at the



Photo by Airman 1st Class Chris Walkenhorst

## Thunderbird touches down

**Thunderbirds Capt. Tad Clark and Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Curbey, land their F-16D at Dyess Jan. 27 after providing a short preview for Dyess and Abilene. They arrived here to promote the Big Country Appreciation Day airshow scheduled for May 21. The Thunderbirds will be joined by additional performers including Dyess B-1’s and C-130’s along with numerous other active and retired military aircraft.**

CDC and \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members at the youth center.

Parents attending “The Drifters” performance at The Heritage Club must pick up their children no later than 11 p.m. Advance reservations and payments must be made at the CDC or the youth center. Proof of attendance is required; parents attending the performance will receive validation of attendance at the club on the night of the performance.

Parents not attending the performance must pick up their children no later than 10 p.m. Advance reservations and payments are not required.

For more information, call the CDC at 696-4337 or the youth center at 696-4797.

### TSTC Air Academy

The Texas State Technical College Air Academy has posted its Jan. 2006 - Feb. 2007 course listings for private pilot ground school classes. All classes are scheduled to be held in the TSTC Aviation Technology Center, located at the Abilene Regional Airport.

Students may register at the TSTC Air

Academy office, 2850 Airport Blvd., at the Abilene Regional Airport in the Abilene Aero Building.

For information, call the TSTC Air Academy at 671-8009.

The Air Force offers tuition assistance for private pilot ground school only.

Tuition assistance for advanced ground school courses is authorized for members who are not eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill.

Service members may apply for tuition assistance online through the Air Force Portal’s Virtual Education Center Web site no earlier than 30 days before the class begins and should allow two business days for the education center to process the request.

For more information, call William Phillips at 696-5545 or email [william.phillips@dyess.af.mil](mailto:william.phillips@dyess.af.mil).

## Scholarships

### Chief’s Group scholarship

The Chief’s Group is accepting applications for scholarships. For information regarding eligibility criteria, call Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bush at 696-2857.

Applications may be obtained from high school counselors, the Family Support Center or any active-duty chief. Applications must be postmarked by April 15 and mailed to Dyess Chief’s Group, Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 9785, Dyess AFB, TX 79607-0785.

### DOSC scholarship

The Dyess Officers Spouses Club is accepting scholarship applications through March 10.

Applications may be picked up at Dyess Lanes, The Heritage Club, The Hangar Center, the base family support center, library, youth center, Thrift Shop, education center and any Abilene area high school or college.

Previous Dyess OSC scholarship winners are ineligible to re-apply.

For additional eligibility criteria or more information, call Jody Hammes at 793-1513.


### MOAA scholarship

The Military Officers Association of America has opened its 2006 scholarship application season. MOAA awards up to 25 applicants grants of \$1,000.

Winners will be randomly selected. To apply, people may visit [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org). The deadline for online entries is March 1 by 11 a.m.

For additional eligibility criteria or more information, call Trey Linnemeier at 703-549-2311 or [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org).

# Dyess Chapel




Nursery and children’s church are available at all services. For information on Jewish services, call Maj. Matt Paskin at 696-1530. For information about other services, call the chapel at 696-4224.

<b>Catholic worship schedule:</b>	<b>Protestant worship schedule:</b>
Saturday: Reconciliation — 4 p.m.	Sunday: Traditional worship service — 11 a.m.
Mass — 5 p.m.	Gospel service — 12:30 p.m.
Sunday: Mass — 9 a.m.	
Monday — Thursday: Mass — 11:30 a.m.	

**Jewish services:** A Jewish service will be held Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at Temple Mizpah, 849 Chestnut St.

# The BIG Screen



The Dyess Theater is located next to the main exchange. Patrons must have a valid identification card and may sponsor guests.

Admission for adults is \$3, children 6-12 years old are \$1.50 and children ages 6 and younger are admitted free. Admission for G-rated movies is \$1.50 for children between the ages 2-12. For more information, call the base theater at 696-4320.

<b>Today at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.</b> <b>King Kong</b> <i>Naomi Watts, Adrien Brody</i> While filming at the mysterious Skull Island, a group of filmmakers discover a giant gorilla named Kong, living in a massive jungle hidden for millions of years. It is the attention of a beautiful human woman that soothes Kong long enough for him to be subdued and shipped back to New York, where his bleak future involves being put on display in front of humans. Rated PG-13 (violence, disturbing images) 188 min.	<b>Saturday, 2 p.m.</b> <b>Cheaper by the Dozen 2</b> <i>Tilda Swinton, Georgie Henley</i> Tom and his wife Kate, hoping to bring their family together for a memorable summer vacation, take their 12 offspring to the rustic Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter into a competition with the over-achieving members of a large family headed by Tom’s long-time rival, Jimmy Muraugh. Rated PG (crude humor, language) 94 min.	<b>Saturday at 7 p.m.</b> <b>Rumor Has It</b> <i>Jennifer Aniston, Kevin Costner</i> Sarah’s life is in a tailspin. She’s finally agreed to marry her boyfriend Jeff, but isn’t at all sure that marriage is what she really wants — in fact, she’s not sure what she wants in general. As conflicted as she is about her love life, her professional life isn’t much better — an aspiring journalist, Sarah’s career has stalled at the New York Times obituary column. Rated PG-13 (sexual content, crude humor, drug reference) 97 min.
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# OG drops Ammo 58-50 in intramural action

By 1st Lt.  
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The undefeated 7th Munitions Squadron suffered their first regular season loss to the winless 7th Operations Group Tuesday afternoon in 30-and-over basketball action.

MUNS was unable to adapt to playing from behind or without their star center, Ricky Youngblood, and suffered a 58-50 defeat at the hands of the OG.

The OG team appreciated the challenge the MUNS team presented, but kept their confidence high.

“They have good continuity,” OG coach Jeff Martin said before the game, speaking of MUNS’ dominance in the league.

“The same seven or eight guys show up to all of their games.” However, as the start time approached, Youngblood was notably absent from MUNS roster.

“When we have our starting five, we can hang with these guys,” Martin said of OG, who lost to MUNS in the preseason championship game by two points.

The game began with defense on both sides. Hurried cross-court passing and quick shots lead to blocks and steals but no points for the first two minutes of the game.

When scoring began, Dave Henshaw registered eight of OG’s first ten points.

The OG ran ahead and put MUNS in the unfamiliar position of a 10-4 deficit when they called an early time out.

“Can’t change our game today,” Bradley Scruggs told his team, which tried to find success without Youngblood.

Both teams began to find their open men, but continued the fast play and ambitious passing,



Photos by Staff Sgt. Araceli Alarcon

(Left to right) Jeffrey Martin (5), 7th OG team, pushes the ball down court after a rebound while Bradley Scruggs (32), 7th MUNS team, tries to steal the ball. Darin Defendorf (20), runs down the court, waiting for a pass from Martin.

including a behind-the-back pass from OG’s Erich Grade, which created an easy lay-up for Mario Corpening.

With ten minutes gone in the evenly matched first half, the quick pace favored MUNS which, thanks to two consecutive three-pointers by Scruggs, took a small 24-21 lead into halftime.

Even with the lead, Scruggs knew OG had an advantage in momentum.

“Every possession counts; I don’t like playing from behind,” he said. “They’re going to make a run so we’re going to try to make our run early when everyone still has their energy.”

Although OG had held a lead for most of the first half, Martin felt they should have established a larger lead.

“We haven’t played a good first half,” he said. “We have to find our rhythm.”

The lead was contested early in the second half, but OG did find their rhythm and with ten minutes to go had the lead they would hold to the end.

Henshaw and Martin continued to push tip-ins and grab rebounds in OG’s favor and the game began to slip away from MUNS.

MUNS began fouling OG for possession as the clock dipped below two minutes, but OG’s shooters kept the lead from the foul line.

“We protected the ball,” Martin said after the game. “They didn’t get much inside,” he said of MUNS’ game underneath, which is typically their strong-point.

Martin also credited their victory to their height advantage.

“Size matters,” OG’s forward Bill Alcorn said.

The OG’s Henshaw who dealt



(Top left to right) Jeffrey Martin (5), 7th OG team, jumps for the tip-off against Bradley Scruggs (32), 7th MUNS team, while (left to right) William Alcorn and David Henshaw, both of the OG team, prepare to defend.

with 9th Bomb Squadron business on his cell phone during halftime, immediately after the game credited his own solid performance to teammate Erich Grade’s “lucky” purple shorts,